

28. The system of claim 26, wherein said additional fluid chamber is unitary with said fluid chamber.

29. The system of claim 28, wherein said fluid chamber and said additional fluid chamber exchange fluid to maintain said fluid chamber at a desired height.

30. A system for sleep surface adjustment, wherein said sleep surface is provided by a sleep support system that is configured for at least two users; wherein said sleep surface is supported by at least two fluid chambers whose pressure is independently adjustable, and wherein said two fluid chambers are surrounded by an upper wall, lower wall, and a pair of side walls each having an interior and an exterior, said system comprising:

a topper pad, said topper pad positioned above said fluid chambers and extending from said exterior of one of said pair of side walls to said exterior of the other of said pair of side walls; and

a base pad comprising an additional fluid chamber, wherein said base pad is positioned below at least one of said fluid chambers and is used to lift said fluid chamber to a desired height if necessary to reach said desired height.

31. The system of claim 30, wherein said additional fluid chamber has an independently adjustable fluid pressure setting.

32. The system of claim 30, wherein said additional fluid chamber is unitary with said fluid chamber.

33. The system of claim 32, wherein said fluid chamber and said additional fluid chamber exchange fluid to maintain said fluid chamber at a desired height.

34. A method for adjusting a sleep surface, wherein said sleep surface is provided by a sleep support system that is configured for at least two users, wherein said sleep surface is supported by at least two fluid chambers whose pressure is independently adjustable, and wherein said two fluid chambers are surrounded by an upper wall, lower wall, and a pair of side walls each having an interior and exterior, said method comprising the steps of :

determining a desired height for said fluid chambers within said sleep support system;
positioning a base pad comprising an additional fluid member beneath at least one of said fluid chambers;

lifting said fluid chamber with said base pad if necessary to achieve said desired height;
and

placing a topper pad atop said fluid chambers, wherein said topper pad extends from said exterior of one of said pair of side walls to said exterior of the other of said pair of side walls.

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35. The method of claim 34, wherein said additional fluid chamber has an independently adjustable fluid pressure setting.

36. The method of claim 34, wherein said fluid chamber and said additional fluid chamber exchange fluid to maintain said fluid chamber at said desired height.

REMARKS

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because reference characters 18 and 19 have both been used to designate the topper pad. Examiner's attention is drawn to page 8, line 17 where it is explained that the topper pad 18 of Figure 1, which does not extend from edge to edge, is replaced with the topper pad 19 of Figure 6, which does extend from edge to edge. Applicant acknowledges, however, that the topper pad shown in Figure 4 should be labeled 19, not 18, as well as the topper pad in Figure 5. Accordingly, corrections to the drawings will be made reflecting this discrepancy. Furthermore, the reference to the topper pad 18 on page 6, lines 20, should be topper pad 19. The specification has been amended accordingly.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the use of the trademark "Velcro" throughout the application. Accordingly, the specification has been amended replacing the term "Velcro" with "hook and loop fastener".